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CITY AFFAIRS.

Four Council Committees Held Meetings Last Night.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

Committee Held a Lively Meeting, at which the Petition of Mrs. Angie Strong for License was Discussed and Stories of Several Petitioners Heard—Action Deferred—The City Weigher Difficultly Police Bills Paid.

At a meeting in the city building, meetings of four of the city council committees were held, and considerable public business transacted. The committees that met were as follows: Committee on ordinances; committee on petitions and remonstrances; committee on scales, and committee on police. At all there was an unusually large attendance of the members.

The committee on petitions and remonstrances was called to order at 8 o'clock, with Dr. D. H. Taylor in the chair. The application of Albert Card, late of Pennsylvania and Sistersville, for license to keep a saloon at 111 Market street, was first considered. Mr. Card was represented by Prosecuting Attorney Howard, who said that Mr. Card was comparatively unknown in Wheeling, which was an objection to his license. He had a saloon at the old Reuter place, but as he had been unable to make a satisfactory arrangement for leasing that room, he desired to establish himself at 111 Market street. A saloon license bond was presented and the license was recommended to council favorably.

The petition of Mrs. Angie Strong, a sister of "Jule" Chisnell, who kept a house of ill fame at 37 Seventeenth street for many years, for license to conduct a saloon at that place was next taken up. Mrs. Strong has conducted the place out of the National pike, over the river, known as Jerry Clemens' "road house," which has about as unsavory a reputation as the place conducted by "Mother" Bunch, out at Fulton. A number of witnesses were examined, including the applicant for the license, who denied that she intended keeping a saloon in connection with an assignation house, as claimed by some of the witnesses.

In connection with this application, a petition from a number of householders on Seventeenth street, who live on property in the vicinity of "Fifty-seven" was presented. It is signed by H. B. Grimm, Christian Steinmetz, Tobias Blanchard, Michael Leakey and many others, and recites that the applicant is the late proprietor of the notorious "road house," across the river; that she is a sister of "Jule" Chisnell, who kept a house of prostitution at "Fifty-seven" until the neighbors made it too hot for her, and prays that the application be not granted.

The first witness called in by the committee was Mr. James McAdams. He did not know the woman personally, but knew her reputation to be bad. Already on that part of Seventeenth street there are five saloons within two and one-half squares. It had been bad enough to have a house of ill-fame there for years, but to have a saloon in connection is too much.

Mr. Tobias Blanchard, the county assessor, who lives on adjoining property, was next called in to testify. He knew her character to be bad; she had recently sat at one of the front windows and occasionally drank beer and got into an intoxicated condition, just to annoy the neighbors. He had recently driven up to the place at 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, and saw her come out, and disorderly. His sister had been compelled to remove her school to another part of the city on account of the disreputable place conducted at "Fifty-seven."

This place had caused a depreciation in the value of the property on Seventeenth street, and was bad, too, as the Fourth ward school building is only a short distance away.

P. Z. Noble next appeared before the committee. Of his personal knowledge he knew of recent disturbances, and he had heard from his home on Sixteenth street. Such a place as the woman would run would cause adjoining property to decrease one-half in value.

Thomas Murray was not acquainted with the Strong woman, but still she had kept a notorious place over the river. He had "heard her roller" all day.

Tenants in a house he owns threaten to move out if the license is granted.

George Miller, a neighbor, was next heard. He had seen the "can-can" dance in the Chisnell or Strong place.

"What do you mean when you say 'can-can'?" inquired Dr. Taylor.

There was a general laugh at this and the witness did not think the question serious enough to answer.

Mrs. Strong, herself, was next admitted. She gave a sketch of her career. She is a married woman, but her husband is dead, at least that's what she said. Her maiden name was Chisnell. She moved to "Fifty-seven" in 1878. Previous to that time she had conducted the Clifton house, across the river. Her new place she will call the "Golden House." She has not sold a drop of beer there.

The house has had a bad reputation, and people still come there at late hours, but she claimed that everybody is turned away. She intends to keep a "first class restaurant and saloon." She denied indignantly that she ever allowed the "can-can" to be danced there. She referred the committee to the county officials at St. Clairsville, mentioning Judges Landon and DeWitt, and Clerk of Courts Emerson, who had promised to give her a certificate of good character. She promised to conduct a respectable place if license were granted.

"Would you give a bond to fulfill that promise?" was asked.

This Mrs. Strong declined to do, saying it would be a humiliating thing to do. She claimed the usual bond should be given. She claimed the opposition to the granting of license is spite work.

Henry Bishop, a bar tender, knew nothing of Mrs. Strong. He had been engaged as bar-keeper, and if the place is not all right he would quit.

James Dieber, who is to do the cooking, had known the applicant three or four weeks. He had cooked at Sheekey's, but failed to say he had tended bar at Mother Bunch's road house in Fulton until the information had reached the committee by another channel.

Gus Marochner, collector of the Schumacher Brewing Company, testified that he had found Mrs. Strong to be a temperate person. So far as he could see, she had conducted a respectable place over in Ohio.

Tobias Blanchard appeared again. He claimed the house had been cut into small rooms, twelve in number, and that this was done for no good purpose. He further said that if this place were not there, he would have improved his property by putting up a building at a cost of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

At the conclusion of the inquiry, Mr. Davidson moved that further consideration be postponed until the clerk of the committee could hear from the authorities at St. Clairsville.

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Natural Gas Situation and Health Ordinance Discussed.

Last night a meeting of the city council committee on ordinances was held in the office of City Receiver Kindelberger, public building. Chairman Stathers occupied the chair. The application of the Wheeling Natural Gas Company for an amended franchise, the full text of which has already been printed, and the terms of which are known to the public, was brought up under a recommendation from council. However, it was decided to take no action on the application at present, but to proceed on the line of the Waterhouse resolution by giving information from other city governments.

COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

The city council committee on police met last night and audited bills which were recommended to council for payment: City prison bills, \$169.22; police bills, \$57.28. Chief of Police Bennett made his monthly report showing that \$2,000 were made in November. Lines amounted to \$38.75; fines collected, \$56.55.

THE RAILROADS.

Dispatches received from Chicago state that a sub-committee of the Central passenger committee is at work preparing a form of 5,000-mile interchangeable mileage tickets. The proposed ticket is not to be controlled by the roads themselves, but by a bureau to be run in connection with the office of the chairman of the committee. This bureau will redeem the tickets collected by each road and at the end of the year any surplus left in the hands of the chairman will be divided pro rata among the roads. All of the roads in the committee have not yet agreed to the issue of the ticket and some of them declare that they never will agree to it. They have simply voted to allow such roads as desire it to issue the tickets as they like.

The proposed 5,000-mile ticket, which many of the lines will undoubtedly adopt, it is said, will be issued and accepted by the following lines: Big Four, Baltimore & Ohio west of Pittsburgh, Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, Chesapeake & Ohio, Lake Shore, Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling, Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, Louisville, New Albany & Chicago, Nickel Plate, Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo, Ohio Central, Evansville & Terre Haute, Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis, Indiana, Decatur & Western, Indiana, Illinois & Eastern, Chicago & Cleveland, Terminal & Valley, Pittsburgh & Western, and Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw.

The new ticket will bear a photograph of the purchaser, will not be transferable, and will sell at \$100. The Central passenger committee's action could only be recommended by the Joint Traffic Association would make the ticket effective.

HERE AND THERE.

Passenger Agent Tomlinson, of the Pan Handle and Ohio River roads, tells a good one on Captain Thomas J. Hinde, the well known passenger conductor of the Ohio River. Several years ago when the road was extended through to Huntington from Point Pleasant, Captain Hinde had the honor of taking the first train down to the Second City. A number of railroad people, including Tomlinson, were on board. About twenty miles above Huntington, Tomlinson was passing from one car to another, and noticed Captain Hinde standing on the platform, lighted lantern in hand, scanning the landscape as best he could through the darkness.

"What's the matter?" inquired the Wheeling man.

"Why, there's a lady on this train," answered the portly captain, "who wants to get off at some God-forsaken place in this neck of the woods, where the only land mark is a hay stack located between two hickory trees. One of the trees has a broken limb and the other tree is nearer to the stack than the first one. I have been out here five minutes, but I can't see anything like a hay stack and as for trees, I don't know a hickory tree when I see one."

Whether the lady got off at the hay-stack or had to be satisfied with the next station, the dependent sayeth not.

THE DROP IN NAILS.

The Dissolution of the Nail Association Seems to be a Prearranged Move.

The dissolution of the Wire Nail Trust, known as the National Association of Wire Nail Manufacturers, may not turn out to be the satisfactory arrangement that the independent manufacturers anticipated, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. The trust took the action because of the pressure from outside competition. The organization, at one stage controlled all the machines for making nails and the rights on all the machinery. This led to greater activity in invention and the trust soon found itself surrounded by a formidable competitive capacity. A number of outside concerns were brought up, but the number multiplied so rapidly.

At the meeting at New York, December 1, the association was formally dissolved. That at least was the statement sent out by the association, but it has not been assuring to the independent manufacturers.

From the remarks of Wallace H. Rowe, representing the Consolidated Steel and Wire Company, the action of the trust may develop into an ambush for the outside producers. Mr. Rowe said the manufacturers' association has dissolved, and the base price of wire nails fixed at \$1.65 per keg. Whether the price would not suddenly drop much lower, and whether the members of the former association are not operating under a satisfactory agreement, he declined to answer on the ground that it was a leading question, difficult to answer. Mr. Rowe said there were probably 1,000 wire nail machines operating outside the association when the dissolution was declared.

With a snarl and this significant remark: "But I don't think they will be running long."

Mr. Rowe's last words confirmed the statement made by a member of the Western Pennsylvania concerns, that the manufacturers in the combination would go ahead on practically the same lines as before. The price would be placed at a figure which would exclude the small manufacturers, who are compelled to buy their wire, from all profit. The pool will keep up the low prices until the competition is disposed of, and then reorganize. The drop from a base rate of \$2.55 to \$1.65 is a considerable reduction, but is nothing compared to what the large manufacturers propose to accomplish within the next few months.

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DIED.

POWELL.—At his late residence, No. 418 Wood street, on Wednesday, December 2, 1896, at 5:30 o'clock a. m., ROBERT P. POWELL, in the 76th year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Peninsula cemetery.

PETERSON.—On Thursday, December 3, 1896, at noon, OLE PETERSON, aged 37 years and 8 months.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 72 Twenty-fourth street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Zion cemetery.

SHEPHERD.—On Thursday, December 3, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., MICHAEL SHEPHERD, in his 84th year.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 62 Seventeenth street, on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 8:30. Friends of the family invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

CLINE.—On Friday evening, December 4, 1896, at 9 p. m., M. W. CLINE, in the 94th year of his age.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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